

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Peniston Sen. Hudak	Bill Status: House Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING EXTENDING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOL READINESS LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$29,120	\$29,120
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	0.4 FTE
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission through July 1, 2017. The bill allows for members of the commission to receive per diem and reimbursement of expenses. Further, Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services are required to assist the commission in its duties. The commission is to meet at least 4 times per year.

Background

The commission was created by HB 09-1343 with a mission to examine issues related to school readiness and early childhood education, including health care, mental health, parental involvement, family support, and early learning. The commission has previously operated without staff support from the legislative service agencies, and members have served without compensation or reimbursement. Under current law, the commission is scheduled to expire on July 1, 2012.

State Expenditures

The legislature is budgeted each year with resources to support a limited number of interim committees of the General Assembly (typically around 5 committees) as provided for by joint resolution of the Legislative Council, or by resolution of the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council as established by Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

If this interim committee is not designated by the Legislative Council to be one of the prioritized committees, or if the costs of this interim committee are not included in the budgeted amount in any fiscal year through FY 2016-17, the Legislative Branch will incur additional costs of **\$29,120 and 0.4 FTE** to support the interim committee, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB 12-1218		
Cost Components	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Personal Services		
0.3 FTE Researcher (\$13,524)		
0.1 FTE Staff Attorney (\$8,116)	\$21,640	\$21,640
Legislator Per Diem and Expenses		
(10 members * \$187 * 4 meetings)	7,480	7,480
TOTAL	\$29,120	\$29,120

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Expenditures Not Included Under HB 12-1218*		
Cost Components	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$2,454	\$2,454
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	1,154	1,328
TOTAL	\$3,608	\$3,782

**More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>*

State Appropriations

If the commission is prioritized by the Legislative Council and included as part of the Legislative Branch budget for FY 2012-13, no appropriation is required. If not, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$29,120 and 0.4 FTE to the Legislative Branch in FY 2012-13.

Departments Contacted

Legislative Council

Legislative Legal Services